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Stephanie Forsyth is no longer president of Red River College. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO FILE

RRC president steps down

Red River College. Stephanie Forsyth's tenure attracted allegations of misspending and personnel problems

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The tumultuous years of Stephanie Forsyth's reign at Red River College have come to an end.

Richard Lennon, the college's board chair, said in a press release on Wednesday that the board of governors and Forsyth "wish to announce that as of Aug. 31, 2014, Ms. Forsyth will not be continuing in her role as president of Red River College for personal and family reasons."

The release thanked Forsyth for her "work on behalf of the college" and stated that a search for a new president is underway, with David Rew assuming the role in the interim.

Forsyth, who was appointed president and CEO of the college in 2010, attracted controversy over the past few years, including allegations of improper spending and reports of her staff leaving in record numbers.

She defended herself against "inaccuracies" and "false" media reports in a blog post on her website back in April.

"I realize that the recent report in the media can serve as a distraction if we allow it," she wrote.

"I respect your diligence, support and candour as we continue to work towards providing our students with a rewarding post-secondary experience and meaningful careers."

Also in April, the union representing college staff went public with its concerns over a $2-million shortfall and called for a leadership review.

"Our members report exceedingly low morale and a lack of confidence in the ability of the current administration to shape a successful future for RRC students and staff," wrote Michelle Gawronsky, president of the Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union (MGEU).

James Allum, Manitoba's education minister, said a provincial review of Red River College's finances and human resources has not been completed but he expects it this fall.

Asked by Metro if Forsyth could have known what it contained, Allum said "the review has not been made public in any way."

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Museum head retires to head up museum organization

'Hats off to Phil Mailhot.' Chair to help launch Friends of Le Musée de Saint-Boniface

The Saint-Boniface Museum is tackling the uncertain fiscal future facing many museums with a new organization to be headed by their retiring director.

On Wednesday, Jean-Paul Gobeil, the museum's chairman, announced that longtime director Philippe Mailhot would be retiring on Nov. 1.

"Now for the good news, that we have developed an arrangement that will keep Philippe associated with the museum for the foreseeable future," said Gobeil to cheers and applause during a press conference at the museum on Tache Avenue.

"We proposed and he has accepted a part-time position as the initial director of an organization called the Friends of Le Musée de Saint-Boniface."

Mailhot said he's not leaving for health reasons or because he's going somewhere else; instead he felt it was time to retire but wants to continue to help out in any way he can.

Coun. Dan Vandal, who was first elected to represent St. Boniface in 1995, worked closely with Mailhot.

"Hats off to Phil Mailhot. He's been here 28 years; he's dedicated a significant part of his life for the Saint-Boniface Museum," said Vandal, who is planning a run at the federal level for MP instead of seeking re-election to council.

Vandal said the museum now counts on a strong board and a group of new friends that will help it if there are more funding cuts at the municipal level, as was the case in January 2013. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Big concert

The Friends of Le Musée de Saint-Boniface are planning a "Spirit of the Fiddle" fundraising concert on Oct. 16 at Le Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain, where the original violin of Andy DeJarlis will be played for the first time since his untimely death in 1975.

Philippe Mailhot, who started as a curator at the Saint-Boniface Museum in 1986 before being promoted to director in 1989, announced his retirement on Wednesday. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

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Outside Brandon. Cyclist killed while riding across country for charity

A Toronto man cycling across the country to raise money for charity was killed on the Trans-Canada Highway west of Brandon on Monday evening.

Police say the 24-year-old cyclist was hit from behind around 8 p.m., just two kilometres west of Brandon. He has been identified by friends as Graeme Loader.

Police say the 28-year-old female driver of the vehicle and three passengers, all from Sioux Valley First Nation in Manitoba, were uninjured.

Loader was cycling across the nation in an effort to raise money for the World Wildlife Foundation Canada, confirmed its president and CEO, former Toronto mayor David Miller, in a statement Tuesday.

Loader posted on his Facebook page shortly before his death.

"I've been repeating a phrase that popped into my head this morning. 'I am where I am because I am,'" he wrote.

"It's incredible what can happen when you accept the unexpected and embrace every moment." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

MTS Centre

Dierks Bentley coming to Winnipeg

Country superstar Dierks Bentley is bringing his Riser Tour to the MTS Centre this fall.

The country singer-songwriter will be in Winnipeg on Oct. 22.

"It's going to be tough to top this summer, but every night I get more excited and don't want this run to end," he said in a press release.

Special guests include Randy Houser and Tim Hicks. Tickets go on sale Friday, Sept. 12, from $35.50 to $69.50 plus service charges. **METRO**

Steeves attacks opponent's ties to provincial NDP gov't

Gord Steeves speaks outside the legislature on Wednesday. COLIN FAST/FOR METRO

'The relationship cannot work.' Is Wasylycia-Leis too close to the premier?

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Standing on the front steps of the provincial legislature, Gord Steeves blasted mayoral-race rival Judy Wasylycia-Leis again over her close connections to the NDP government inside.

Citing Wasylycia-Leis' history as an NDP provincial cabinet minister and federal MP as well as reports that senior political staff from the Selinger government are organizing her campaign, Steeves questioned whether she could run city hall free from the influence of the premier.

"The relationship between the mayor and premier is a negotiation," he said. "If, after the election, the premier can look you in the eye and say, 'Remember, I was the one who got you elected,' the relationship cannot work."

Steeves also criticized the Selinger government for increasing Manitoba's debt, saying it limits the province's ability to help fund municipal infrastructure and claiming a recent provincial credit-rating downgrade could increase borrowing costs for the city.

"The connection between Judy, the provincial NDP and the debt crisis the citizens of this city now find themselves in is undeniable," he said.

Earlier in the day, Wasylycia-Leis brushed off Steeves' repeated attacks.

"My campaign is about putting forward substantive, well-researched proposals for building a city that works," she said during a photo op to celebrate her 1,500th lawn sign location.

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France's former first lady tells all in book

A man buys a copy of Paris Match from a Paris newsstand on Wednesday, with a photo of Valerie Trierweiler on the cover and the lead titled My life with François. The former French first lady's book, Merci pour ce Moment (Thanks for this moment), details her life at the presidential palace and her relationship with French President François Hollande. The couple broke up in January amid reports of President Hollande having an affair. The book goes on sale Thursday. JACQUES BRINON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'I'm pretty ashamed and embarrassed'

In-flight altercation. Businessman speaks after infamous fight over reclined seat

U.S. businessman James Beach said he's embarrassed by his actions on a recent trip. JOHN MONE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The businessman whose dispute with a fellow airline passenger over a reclined seat sparked a national debate says he's embarrassed by the way the confrontation unfolded.

"I'm pretty ashamed and embarrassed by what happened," said James Beach. "I could have handled it so much better."

The confrontation centred on Beach's Knee Defender, a $22 gadget that can attach to a tray table and prevents the passenger in front from reclining their own chairs. The Knee Defender is prohibited by U.S. airlines but is not illegal.

"You have the right (to recline), but it seems rude to do it," said Beach.

The passenger in front of Beach eventually complained to a flight attendant about not being able to recline her seat, to which Beach admitted using the Knee Defender.

Beach said he removed it upon being asked, but the woman then fully reclined her seat, striking his laptop.

This sparked an altercation that saw Beach force the seat upright to reinstall the device and the woman throw her soda at him. Their flight eventually diverted to Chicago where both were left behind. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Louisiana

Federal judge upholds ban on same-sex marriage

A federal judge upheld Louisiana's ban on same-sex marriages on Wednesday, ending a streak of legal victories for gay-marriage advocates.

U.S. District Judge Martin Feldman's ruling was the first to uphold a state ban since the U.S. Supreme Court last year struck down part of a federal law that defines marriage as being between a man and a woman. His decision broke a string of 20 consecutive rulings overturning bans in other states.

Feldman also upheld the state's refusal to recognize same-sex marriages performed legally in other states.

Last year's landmark Supreme Court decision fell short of declaring same-sex matrimony legal across the country, but observers have long said the issue of whether gay and lesbian couples have a fundamental right to marry would ultimately need to be decided by the nation's highest court. It is unlikely Feldman's ruling will derail gay marriage's path back to the Supreme Court.

Gay marriage is legal in 19 states and Washington, D.C.

Feldman said gay-marriage supporters failed to prove that the ban violates equal protection or due-process provisions of the U.S. Constitution.

Feldman sided with the state, which argued that the nation's high court, in the Defence of Marriage Act decision, recognized the rights of state voters and legislatures to define marriage.

"Although opinions about same-sex marriage will understandably vary among the states, and other states in free and open debate will and have chosen differently, that does not mandate that Louisiana has overstepped its sovereign authority," he wrote. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Nova Scotia looking to prohibit fracking

For onshore shale gas. Experts recommended more research on health, environmental and economic impacts

The Nova Scotia government says it will introduce legislation this fall to prohibit high-volume hydraulic fracturing — or "fracking" — for onshore shale gas.

Energy Minister Andrew Younger says he believes Nova Scotians are not comfortable with fracking.

Younger's announcement Wednesday comes less than a week after a panel of experts released a report saying fracking shouldn't be allowed until more independent research is done on health, environmental and economic impacts.

Protesters gather outside the Nova Scotia legislature in Halifax to show their opposition to the use of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, in this April 2011 file photo. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

The panel also recommended setting up a process to get a community's permission before a project is allowed to proceed.

Younger says the Liberal government made its decision following input from the public, including aboriginal leaders in the province.

Fracking

A two-year moratorium on fracking was put in place by the previous NDP government in 2012, as public protests grew in Nova Scotia and in neighbouring New Brunswick.

- Proponents of fracking say the industry could spur Nova Scotia's stalled economy and reduce its reliance on polluting, coal-fired plants.

"Nova Scotians have overwhelmingly expressed concern about allowing high-volume hydraulic fracturing to be a part of onshore shale development in this province at this time," Younger said in a statement.

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Nunavut. Territory's first beer and wine store now a step closer to reality

Nunavut wants to deal with its alcohol problem by opening the territory's first beer and wine store.

Soon Iqaluit residents will have their say and, if there's enough support, the government plans to open up a store on a trial basis. How long it stays open depends on how well the experiment goes.

"I think that we'll probably give it a good year," said Chris D'Arcy, deputy minister of Nunavut's Finance Department.

Liquor hasn't been sold in stores in Iqaluit since the 1970s. People can either drink at one of the city's bars or order alcohol from a warehouse.

The thinking behind the warehouse system is to create a delay between the time alcohol is ordered and when it is consumed.

But a recent change to Nunavut's liquor laws would let people get their booze straight from a storefront at their local warehouse.

It may sound counterintuitive or perhaps even misguided to make it easier to buy wine and beer in a territory plagued by rising alcohol consumption, heavy binge drinking and a growing number of babies born with fetal alcohol syndrome.

But what Nunavut's government is hoping is that people will change their drinking habits once the store opens. Right now, D'Arcy says, people tend to binge-drink hard liquor they've bought from bootleggers. But they may not drink as much alcohol if they're only allowed to buy limited quantities of beer or wine. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bootleg sales

33,500

The Nunavut Liquor Commission estimates that half the spirits it sells are resold illegally. That's about 33,500 bottles of hard liquor — which, at an average bootleg price of $300 a bottle, works out to around $10 million a year.

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Canadian delegation visits Iraq to pledge support in ISIS battle

Showing 'solidarity.' Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird promises to stand by the people of Iraq but cuts no slack to neighbouring Iran

From left: Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird, Liberal MP Marc Garneau and NDP MP Paul Dewar arrive at an airport Wednesday in Baghdad, Iraq. The delegation is in Iraq to provide moral and material support in the country's struggle against al-Qaida splinter group ISIS. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Accompanied by two of his political rivals, Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird slipped quietly Wednesday into one of the world's most dangerous countries, where he declared Canada would stand by the people of Iraq.

The two-day visit, which continues Thursday in the northern city of Irbil, began in sweltering Baghdad behind a steely curtain of security. Baird, whose travel plans had been a closely guarded secret, is in the region to provide both moral and material support to Iraq, which is reeling under a relentless offensive by the al-Qaida splinter group known as ISIS.

But Baird was unwilling to cut neighbouring Iran any slack, despite that country's stated opposition to ISIS's advance and recent signals that it's willing to work with the U.S. and its allies. Canada still lists Iran as a state sponsor of terrorism.

"Obviously we have a very different view when it comes to the government of Tehran," Baird said. "It could suspend its considerable support to terrorist organizations, not just around the region but around the world."

A meeting with Iraqi President Fuad Masoum was first on Baird's packed agenda as the Canadian delegation, including opposition MPs, donned flak jackets for a high-speed dash in an armoured convoy to the presidential palace. He also met with Foreign Affairs Minister Hoshyar Zebari.

"We are many — all Canadians in government — deeply concerned with the security threat," Baird told the president. "We wanted to come here to show our solidarity with the Iraqi people. We want to congratulate you on your nomination as president."

He also echoed Prime Minister Stephen Harper in condemning what both of them called the "barbaric" ISIS beheadings of U.S. journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff, both of which were documented in videos on the Internet.

"It just horrifies anyone who learns of it," Baird said. "At the same time, we should be very mindful that there have been hundreds, even thousands, of Iraqis, men, women and children, who have met similar fates."

Baird did not arrive empty-handed. He promised $10 million for equipment, helmets, body armour and logistics-support vehicles for Iraqi forces and $5 million more to support efforts to limit the flow of foreign fighters into Iraq and Syria.

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"Canada will not stand idly by while ISIS continues to murder innocent civilians, including members of ethnic and religious minorities." Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird

Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks in Ulan Bator, Mongolia, Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia, Ukraine talk ceasefire

Russia and Ukraine said Wednesday they are working on a deal to halt months of fighting in eastern Ukraine, but Western leaders expressed skepticism — noting it wasn't the first attempt to end the deadly conflict.

On the eve of a crucial NATO summit, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko's office said he and Russian President Vladimir Putin had agreed on steps for a ceasefire.

In a televised statement, Putin spelled out a seven-point plan for ending hostilities in eastern Ukraine, where Russian-backed separatists scored significant gains against government forces last week after four months of fighting.

Putin, speaking on a visit to Mongolia, said the rebels should halt their offensive and the Ukrainian government forces should pull back to a distance that would make it impossible for them to use artillery and rockets against residential areas. He also urged international monitoring of a ceasefire, a prisoners exchange and the delivery of humanitarian aid to war-ravaged regions.

Representatives of Russia, Ukraine, the rebels and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe could finalize the peace deal as early as Friday, Putin said.

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Unemployed in big cities.
Few jobless in T.O. collect employment insurance

It was a barely noticed peculiarity in the government's latest employment-insurance numbers — just 17 per cent of unemployed workers in Toronto are collecting EI, among the lowest rates in the city's history as it confronts a higher jobless rate than provincial and national averages.

There are more than 307,000 jobless Torontonians, according to the latest Statistics Canada figures. Fewer than 55,000 of them are collecting EI in a city with an 8.9 per cent jobless rate.

Experts say that while many of the jobless are unemployed citizens who don't qualify for EI, others are part of an evolving urban labour market that isn't being reflected by Canada's EI system.

Matthew Mendelsohn, director of the University of Toronto's Mowat Centre, says EI is out of step with labour-market realities in the country's biggest cities, leaving tens of thousands of workers without a social safety net.

People living in big cities often hold down multiple part-time jobs, Mendelsohn noted. Some are in contract positions, and contracts run out. Some work for temp agencies. Many are self-employed, and work dries up. A lot of those workers don't pay EI premiums, meaning they're unable to access EI when they are out of work.

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'Redesigning the system'

Mendelsohn suggests "redesigning the system in such a way that more people in non-traditional employer-employee arrangements would have to contribute to the system."

- But he says that wouldn't do much to help people with several part-time jobs or contract jobs that end, resulting in unemployment for months until another contract can be lined up.

Breakup of U.K. not in global interest: Harper

Issue of separatism.
Canadian PM took part in a Q&A in London, U.K.

Breaking up the United Kingdom would not serve the greater global interest nor the interest of ordinary people throughout the country, says Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

A question about the looming referendum on Scottish independence came up Wednesday as Harper took part in a question-and-answer session in front of a business audience in London. Recent public-opinion surveys in Britain show the Yes and No sides are almost evenly split, with two weeks left before the Sept. 18 vote.

The gap between the two sides has been narrowing for the past month, with some 42 per cent of poll respondents saying they would vote in favour and 48 per cent standing opposed, according to a poll tracker in the Telegraph newspaper.

Alex Salmond, of the pro-independence Scottish National Party, holds up cupcakes emblazoned with the word "Aye" at a bakery in Kilmarnock, Scotland, as part of the country's independence referendum campaign. DANNY LAWSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Harper rhymed off a host of global woes — from terrorism and trade to the Ebola outbreak and climate change — and questioned how facing those challenges would be better in a fractured country.

"What would the division of a country like Canada, or the division of a country like the United Kingdom, do to advance solutions to any of those issues?" Harper asked in response to a question by Fraser Nelson, the editor of The Spectator magazine.

Nelson joked that maybe the Canadian prime minister should take his message up north, to which Harper conceded the sentiment might not be well-received in Scotland.

Harper said that ultimately it is "a decision for the Scots," one that should be respected.

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Reports counter Harper's view on aboriginal victims

Refusal to launch public inquiry.
PM has said missing, murdered women not a sociological phenomenon

Prime Minister Stephen Harper arrives in Cardiff, Wales, on Wednesday to attend the NATO Summit.
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Dozens of federal, provincial and community studies compiled by the Conservative government appear to contradict the prime minister's contention that the problem of missing and murdered aboriginal women isn't a "sociological phenomenon."

But some in the aboriginal community don't quibble with the government's other main response to calls for a public inquiry — that there has been more than enough research.

Officials point to a non-exhaustive list of 40 studies conducted on the issue between 1996 and 2013.

A closer look at the research shows that in nearly every case, the authors or participants highlight the "root" or systemic causes of violence against aboriginal women and their marginalization in society.

The legacy of colonization, including the displacement and dispossession linked with residential schools and other policies, are cited frequently in the reports. The impact of poverty and lack of housing are also cited as root causes of violence against aboriginal women.

"There are root causes of violence in the aboriginal communities that include things like poverty and racism, and this is why it's incredibly important for us to work with organizations, aboriginal organizations, across the country," said former Minister for Status of Women Rona Ambrose at a parliamentary hearing in 2011.

Harper has offered a different perspective.

"I think we should not view this as sociological phenomenon. We should view it as crime," he said last month.

"It is crime, against innocent people, and it needs to be addressed as such."

The government's related position has been that there have been enough studies — the focus needs to be on action.

"What we don't need is yet another study on top of the some 40 studies and reports that have already been done, that made specific recommendations which are being pursued, to delay ongoing action," Justice Minister Peter MacKay said last week.

Some inside the aboriginal community agree there have been enough studies, but there are varying opinions on whether an inquiry would just go over the same ground.

One 2005 report prepared by three B.C. community groups, entitled Researched to Death, pointed to the "striking similarities" in research and recommendations done up to that point.

"The only outstanding element is action," the authors wrote. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Doorstep death. Detroit-area man gets at least 17 years for murdering teen

A suburban Detroit man was sentenced Wednesday to at least 17 years in prison for killing an unarmed woman who appeared on his porch before dawn.

Theodore Wafer was convicted of second-degree murder in the Nov. 2 death of 19-year-old Renisha McBride.

Wafer is white and McBride was black, and some wondered in the aftermath of the shooting whether race was a factor, likening it to the shooting of unarmed Florida teenager Trayvon Martin. But race was hardly mentioned at trial.

Before he was sentenced, Wafer apologized to McBride's family, saying he killed a woman who was "too young to leave this world."

The cover of a funeral program showing 19-year-old Renisha McBride from a service in Detroit.
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"I will carry that guilt and sorrow forever," said Wafer, often pausing to control his emotions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

N.Y.C. St. Patrick's Day

Gay group to march under own banner

Organizers of New York City's St. Patrick's Day Parade have agreed to allow a gay contingent to march under its own banner for the first time, making an exception for a group of employees from NBC, the network televising the event.

The prohibition on identified gay groups in New York's largest parade had made participation a political issue. Democratic Mayor Bill de Blasio refused to march this year, and Guinness beer dropped its sponsorship.
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Stabbed 19 times

U.S. girl who nearly died returns to school

A 12-year-old girl who nearly died after she was stabbed 19 times is back in school.

A spokesman for the girl's family says it has been a summer of doctor's appointments, surgeries, specialists and recovery. Stephen Lyons says the girl has been eager to go back to school in Waukesha. She started the seventh grade on Tuesday.

Court documents say two classmates plotted for months to kill the girl to curry favour with a fictional Slender Man character they read about online. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The end of privacy?

Photo-hacking scandal. The barrier between public and private is crumbling, and not just for beautiful starlets

As the celebrity photo-hacking scandal has made clear, privacy isn't what it used to be.

Whether famous or seemingly anonymous, people from all walks of life put all sorts of things online or into cloud-based storage systems, from vital financial information to the occasional nude photo. Periodic cases of hacking fuel outrage, but there's no retreat from digital engagement or any imminent promise of guaranteed privacy.

"We have this abstract belief that privacy is important, but the way we behave online often runs counter to that," said Nicholas Carr, whose extensive writings about the Internet include the 2010 book The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains.

"I'd hope people would understand that anything you do online could be made public," Carr said.

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Toothpaste out of tube

Even as we share more information online, we also want better control over who can see it, according to a study last year by the Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project.

- According to Pew, 50 per cent of Internet uses were worried about the information available about them online, up from 33 per cent in 2009.

Will new phone give Samsung an Edge over Apple?

The new Samsung Galaxy Note Edge launched Wednesday. The Edge uses Samsung's flexible-display technology. With the side display, the phone's camera functions more like a stand-alone point-and-shoot camera, as the shutter button and other functions appear on top when the phone is held horizontally. The side display also provides one-tap access to various apps normally found on the home screen. It will also have a panel of tools, like the flashlight and stopwatch, akin to what Apple offers in the iPhone's Control Center with a swipe up from the bottom.

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Click, click, click

Majority of Canadians now shop online

A new study says more than eight in 10 Canadian Internet users have made an online purchase in the past year. The Ipsos Reid study says 82 per cent of Canadians are buying online, with the average amount of reported spending at $954 annually. Cosmetics and beauty items along with furniture and housewares are the most common items purchased.

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Market Minute

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Interest rate held at 1%

The Bank of Canada held its trend-setting interest rate at one per cent on Wednesday, as it said there needs to be continued growth in Canada's exports before companies increase their investment and hiring.

The central bank also noted activity in the housing market is stronger than previously thought.

"While an increasing number of export sectors appear to be turning the corner toward recovery, this pickup will need to be sustained before it will translate into higher business investment and hiring," the Bank of Canada said in its latest statement.

"Meanwhile, activity in the housing market has been stronger than anticipated. The bank still expects excess capacity in the economy to be absorbed during the next two years."

The Bank of Canada says it is keeping its overnight rate at one per cent, where it has been since September 2010. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Economists had widely expected the central bank to make no change to the overnight rate, which has been set at one per cent for nearly four years.

Inflation continues to hover around two per cent, which the central bank said is just as it expected back in July when it released its last monetary policy report.

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Service dog = no service?

Starbucks has apologized to a 24-year-old woman who said she wasn't allowed in a store because she had a service dog.

The Democrat and Chronicle of Rochester reports that Amy Kaplan of suburban Brighton, N.Y., said she was denied service after entering a Starbucks on Sunday afternoon with her service dog, a malamute named Zero.

Kaplan suffered a traumatic brain injury in a traffic accident, and the dog helps her cope with memory issues and anxiety.

She posted a video to YouTube in which an employee tells her she can't come in the store with a service dog.

A Starbucks official told Kaplan in an email that he wanted to personally apologize. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CANADIAN FILM: A RETROSPECTIVE

HE SAYS

John Mazerolle
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The Toronto International Film Festival is underway, bringing the biggest stars in Hollywood to the one city in Canada that's as full of itself as they are.

The country has reason to be proud, though. The media attention at TIFF is usually on American films, but did you know that Canadian cinema has a storied history that dates all the way back to 1986? It's true. As you can see by this list of key Canadian films, our cinematic history closely reflects what was happening in Hollywood.

Full Woolen Jacket (1986): Four Canadians sit around an October bonfire and talk about how glad they are that Canada stayed out of Vietnam. Good companion piece with The Deer Hunter, the story of four Canadians who go deer hunting and talk about how glad they are that Canada stayed out of Vietnam. Then they go to a casino and play some roulette.

Nicefellas (1990): The story of Henry Hill and his lifelong desire to live the life of an average nobody.

Forest Gump (1994): An unintelligent man accidentally finds himself at many key moments in Canadian forestry, including the establishment of a coherent regulatory system in 1824. "Life is like a box of pallets!"

The Lion Mackenzie King (1994): Animated film about the circle of Canadian elections. Includes classic, "Can you feel the Liberal corporatism tonight?"

Pulp Friction (1994): Gordon Tarantino directed these interlocking, time-jumping stories of the orange-juice-making McCain family and the lumber-producing family the Irvings, both of New Brunswick, Canada's hotbed of violence and seduction.

Quiz Show Canada (1994): The story of how Canada lost its innocence when it was revealed that six-time Bumper Stumpers winner Howard Van Dimple was given the licence plates in advance, dishonestly collecting $182 in the process.

Canadian History X (1998): A young, impressionable youth learns about the underground railroad and decides to make a series of shorts depicting key moments in Canadian heritage.

Fight Club Canada (1999): What happens in Fight Club is heavily regulated so as to prevent injury.

The Bourne Suggestion (2007): Jason Bourne learns the top-secret origins of his life as a trained killer when he politely asks a CSIS agent.

The Good, The Bad and The Ugly (2011): The story of the 2011 election campaign. Decide who's who as your politics dictate.

The General Wolfe of Wall Street (2013): Based on a true story, this biopic follows the classic story arc of an army officer/stock broker who lives the high life until, inevitably, he is shot full of musket balls.

Her (2013): A lonely writer develops an unlikely relationship with his newly purchased BlackBerry. They have a volatile, rapidly deteriorating relationship until she's nothing more than a former shell of her once-influential self.

Canadian filmmakers clearly have reason to hold their heads high. The future looks bright, and I haven't even mentioned The Codfather or its well-loved sequel The Codfather: Part II. The less said about The Codfather: Part III the better.

Corporation quits smoking

American company CVS announces it has finished removing cigarettes and other tobacco products from its store a month before its Oct. 1 deadline by 'putting out' a 50-foot-tall cigarette in Bryant Park on Wednesday in New York City. The store is also changing its name to CVS Health. ANDREW BURTON/GETTY IMAGES

U.S. pharmacy announces it stopped selling ciggies with giant butt-out

U.S. pharmacy chain CVS Caremark plans to stop selling tobacco products in all of its stores starting now — a move health experts hope will be followed by other major drugstore chains.

To bolster its image as a health-care company, CVS will announce a corporate name change to CVS Health. Retail stores will still be called CVS Pharmacy. CVS, which has 7,700 retail locations, is the second-largest drugstore chain in the U.S., behind Walgreens.

The American Pharmacists Association called on drugstores to stop selling tobacco in March 2010 and several smaller, independent chains have done so, APA spokeswoman Michelle Spinnler says. CVS is the first large chain to stop tobacco sales.

USATODAY.COM

By the numbers

$2B

CVS says its tobacco sales amount to $2 billion a year.

MetroTube

Skateboard vicariously

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For most, there's a fairly narrow age window to take up skateboarding. I whiffed on mine completely and have since been shackled to second-hand fear and deep admiration when a skateboarder whizzes by on the street. That admiration was amped up considerably by this slow-motion video of Christopher Chann's fancy footwork at L.A.'s Stoner Plaza. (christopherchann/YouTube)

SCREENSHOT

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Some condos are being built with separate entrances for wealthy residents and less wealthy ones. In New York this practice has been banned. Should 'poor doors' be allowed?

@SamKolahi: Why stop there? Maybe, we should have 'poor lanes' on our roads. #shameonyou #ridiculousness

@kingperry: Ugh poor doors. Do we really want to provide opportunities for lower income families or maintain the same buffer of separation??

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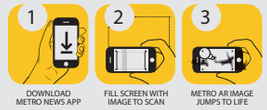

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SCENE 2

Grant Davidson adds some sugar to his folksy sound

Beauty Is So Common. His new album, Slow Leaves, doesn't shy away from poppy hooks

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Grant Davidson, a.k.a. Slow Leaves, releases Beauty Is So Common on Saturday at the West End Cultural Centre. CONTRIBUTED

Grant Davidson is going for broke.

While not normally a risk-taker, the 34-year-old Winnipeg musician decided to put everything he had into his new project Slow Leaves and its first album, Beauty Is So Common, including quitting his stable, well-paying career as an EAL teacher.

"I was just sort of wasting away. I felt like I was rotting on the inside. The work was fine, but it just didn't leave anything left over for my music," Davidson says.

"I've never been a thrill seeker. I probably would have just kept chugging away, complaining and being depressed. My wife definitely deserves credit. We were having dinner one night and she said, 'Why don't you just quit your job?' It was the first time I really thought about it as a serious option, and knowing she was supportive made all the difference."

Beauty Is So Common sees Davidson taking a chance, adding pop harmonies and arrangements to his folk and country sound, which can be heard on his previous non-Slow Leaves recordings Tired Limbs for Ashes (2009) and Dust and Violets (2011).

Helping Davidson shine up his hard-luck sound was producer Rusty Matyas of Winnipeg indie-pop band Imaginary Cities and Saskatoon rock group The Sheepdogs.

"I think we struck a good balance," Davidson says. "I was definitely cautious to go too far into a sparkly kind of pop production, you know, heavy synths or electronic beats. I definitely wasn't going into that territory. I felt like my songs were strengthened (by working with Matyas) and I didn't lose ownership of them by any means."

Nowhere is Matyas' influence more obvious than on the album's sugary sweet first single, Nostalgia.

"He (Matyas) wouldn't shy away from anything too sweet, which I always avoided from a roots music perspective," Davidson says. "You want to use the candy sparingly, so I had always written songs where I shied away from hooks that were too sweet or too obvious, whereas on that song (Nostalgia) I just went for it. I went for all the tastiest hooks that came to me."

SLOW LEAVES RELEASES BEAUTY IS SO COMMON ON SATURDAY AT THE WEST END CULTURAL CENTRE. JESS RAE AYRE OF SWEET ALIBI OPENS. TICKETS ARE $15 AT THE WECC, TICKETMASTER, MUSIC TRADER AND WINNIPEG FOLK FESTIVAL MUSIC STORE OR $20 AT THE DOOR. SHOWTIME IS 8 P.M.

MTV pioneer is steering the next wave

Thomas Dolby.
Synth-pop rock star who wrote She Blinded Me With Science now a music/film professor at Johns Hopkins

Musician Thomas Dolby, left, prepares for his class, Sound on Film, at Johns Hopkins University's Peabody Institute music conservatory in Baltimore on Aug. 29. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Before composing his 1982 synth-pop hit She Blinded Me With Science, Thomas Dolby sketched out the storyline for the music video.

That's not just rock 'n' roll trivia — it's one of the experiences Dolby can lean on as he teaches film and music students at Johns Hopkins University, a school known more for medical science and research than the arts.

Not bad for a guy whose formal education ended at age 16.

"When I saw the arrival of music videos, I thought it was actually a new opportunity for me to, you know, break through. And I was very lucky that I caught the crest of that wave," Dolby said last week. "She Blinded Me With Science was really, truly a soundtrack for a music video."

The wacky video, about a home for demented scientists, became a favourite on MTV, then about a year old, helping propel the song to No. 5 on Billboard's U.S. charts. Dolby, 55, released three more albums over the next 10 years that cemented his reputation as an electronic music pioneer.

In the 1990s, Dolby moved on to film and video-game scoring, and founded a Silicon Valley company that created software enabling cellphones to produce musically rich ring tones.

Last year, he released a short film, The Invisible Lighthouse, inspired by the decommissioning of a lighthouse near his home in Suffolk, England. He shot it with inexpensive cameras.

Quoted

"I was very lucky ... She Blinded Me With Science was really, truly a soundtrack for a music video."
Thomas Dolby, musician-turned-professor

"I've always been very much a DIY artist," said Dolby, whose real name is Thomas Robertson. He earned the nickname Dolby because when he was young, he lugged around a portable cassette tape deck featuring Dolby Laboratories audio technology.

Never comfortable with music industry middlemen, Dolby relishes the freedom his 12 students have to market their work online.

"The bad news is that there's 10,000 other guys trying to do the same thing."

Dolby began teaching his Sound on Film class Friday at Hopkins' Peabody Institute music conservatory.

"Somebody that is a concert pianist and composer, but knows nothing about marketing, about branding, about technology, is going to have more of a challenge," he said. "So, part of the goal of the course that I'll be teaching here is to give students practical skills that will enable them to get the job done, and, in this case, it's all about filmmaking and film score composition."

School administrators can hardly believe they've landed a bona fide rock-star professor. Paul Mathews, a Peabody associate dean, was stunned when Dolby applied for the post in January.

Students were less familiar with his work.

Jameson Dickman, a string bassist from Washington state pursuing degrees in recording arts and acoustics, said he did a little research on Dolby to prepare for the class but, "I actually, honestly don't know a whole bunch about him."

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Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt GETTY IMAGES

Angie honours her mom with pin, ring and a rock

Details about Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt's nuptials in France last month are coming out, thanks to People magazine.

And chief among them? The efforts Pitt and Jolie went to include the memory of her late mother, Marcheline Bertrand, who died in 2007 of ovarian cancer.

"Brad had a dedication to Marcheline engraved inside the chapel where we stood," Jolie tells the magazine. "I also wore a little flower ring that was hers, and (my brother) Jamie wore an angel pin from her jewelry box."

The couple also took their vows atop a stone etched with a tribute to Bertrand.

Keys coy on new album, but next kid is on the way

Alicia Keys, who often releases albums in November and December, is preparing for another delivery at the end of this year: her second baby.

"December album? Well, I know one thing. I'm having a December baby," the singer said with a laugh Tuesday.

Keys says she and husband, producer-rapper Swizz Beatz, know the sex of the baby, but that she's "not sharing." Their son, Egypt, turns four next month.

Keys' last album was 2012's Girl on Fire, which won a Grammy this year for best R&B album. She was coy about when she will release her next album.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Connie to Gwyneth: 'All moms are working hard'

NED EHRBAR
Metro in Hollywood

Hey, remember back in March when Gwyneth Paltrow compared being a mom with a regular office job to being a mom who's a famous actress and decided her situation was tougher?

Well, Nashville star Connie Britton does.

"Our hours are long, but I would never compare what I do to what anyone else does," Britton tells Redbook. "Everybody's working hard and doing the best they can. If you're a mom, there's that pressure, we all face it. I'm constantly being pulled in different directions. But that's the thing: moms are pulled and distracted. I would never say that's worse for me because I'm an actor."

As a refresher, here's what Paltrow said about the difference between her and, say, Diane Keaton's character in Baby Boom (because all of my references are terribly current): "I think it's different when you have an office job, because it's routine and, you know, you can do all the stuff in the morning and then you come home in the evening," Paltrow said.

"When you're shooting a movie, they're like, 'We need you to go to Wisconsin for two weeks,' and then you work 14 hours a day, and that part of it is very difficult. I think to have a regular job and be a mom is not as ... of course there are challenges, but it's not like being on set."

CeeLo Green GETTY IMAGES

Rape-related Twitter fight and ecstasy legal trouble end The Good Life for CeeLo

CeeLo Green's The Good Life won't be coming back to TBS for a second season, which makes sense considering that the former Voice judge's life isn't that good right now.

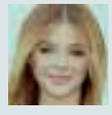
The cancellation news, first announced by the Hollywood Reporter, comes in the wake of Green's latest legal troubles and a rape-related Twitter meltdown.

Last week, Green pleaded no contest to giving a woman ecstasy without her knowledge in 2012, although his plea maintained his innocence. He was sentenced to three years probation, 360 hours of community service and a year of weekly NA/AA meetings.

He followed that up by getting into a Twitter fight about rape and the nature of consent. "If someone is passed out they're not even with you consciously! So with implies consent," he wrote. "People who have really been raped remember."

Twitter

@TomArnold
Trainer had me take naked pics 2 show progress. They're disgusting but think I've proven last 30 yrs nothing can ruin my career.



@ChloeGMoretz
Wrote my first song ever tonight, shocked because I barely write poetry. Just kind of happened, wow, feeling proud of myself

@ConanOBrien
I don't even trust real clouds anymore.

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Lilac shades in full bloom

Power to the purple. The light hues of summer are following frocks into the fall

TINA CHADHA
Metro World News

We can't believe summer's nearly done. (Did it really even take off?) And while we're not ready to part with barbecues in the park or day drinking on Fridays, we'll take solace in knowing there's one aspect of our warm weather routine we wont have to give up: wearing soft hues.

Yes, a majority of your fall wardrobe will always consist of black and grey, but this season designers also showed everything from burly furs to mini dresses in pretty shades of pink and lavender. Which means, right about now, stores are stocking their racks with some lighter options for you.

Now, pairing your summertime go-to Birkenstocks with socks? We're on the fence about that one.

Topshop Fisherman crop sweater, $56. TOPSHOP.COM

A.L.C. Tonne skirt, $495. SHOPBOP.COM

Zara leather court shoe, $89.90. ZARA.COM

Grafea Hari backpack in lilac, $348. ASOS.COM

A lavender-laden model walks the runway at the Glaw show during the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Spring/Summer 2015 in Berlin, Germany. PETER MICHAEL DILLS/GETTY IMAGES

AX Armani Exchange bomber, $168. ARMANIEXCHANGE.COM

Ted Baker London Nevia coat, $525. TEDBAKER.COM

ACNE Studios sweatshirt, $220. NET-A-PORTER.COM

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Name: Paula

Age: 21

Occupation: Student

What she's wearing:
Blue converse shoes, Zara top and black shorts, Coach purse and H&M earrings.

Her inspiration:
"My style all depends on what mood I am in. I absolutely love Beyoncé and Rihanna's style, and for sure draw inspiration from certain people I follow on Instagram."

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Trends Report

From mesh to sweats, stylish men everywhere are showing some skin down there — in crop tops. Go online to Trends Report to see guys in crop tops from high fashion to casual, and let me know what you think about the trend.

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Photo: Getty Images, design by Franziska Michael at Mercedez-Benz Fashion Week Spring/Summer 2015.

ELLE 3

PLUS HOMES

Fade into fall with ombré

What goes from light to dark and adds drama to any space? A decorative treatment called ombré. The term is a French one, meaning gradation, and it describes a gradual progression of colour or tone that lets the eye travel calmly without any harsh visual interruptions. It's definitely a casual look that helps soften a room, and allows light and bright to harmonize with deep and dark. Ombré can be incorporated almost anywhere from small household accessories to large furniture pieces and painted wall treatments.

DESIGN CENTRE
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Simple handmade baskets get a jolt of modern colour. Gaddis basket, $6, ikea.ca.

No ladder needed for this wall treatment; simply fade the paint colour away at arm's length to get an ombré effect.

DESIGNERS GUILD

Soft grey and white creates a soothing yet crisp tabletop. Vera Wang Wedgwood Simplicity Ombré Dinnerware, $90, bedbathandbeyond.ca.

Semi-antique rugs get new life with a gradual over-dye of colour. Hand-Knotted Colour Transition Red Wool Rug, 4.5 x 7.5 feet, $268, ecarpetgallery.com (No. 56554).

For those who like to create a spa feel for the bath. Aqua Ombré Chenille Bath Mat, $25, simons.ca.

The simplest way to add trends to a bath is with linens. Designers Guild Saraille Lime Towel, from $16, putti.ca.

Seat herbivores and carnivores together

Grilled Vegetable Shawarma with Tahini Dressing with Lamb Flex Appeal. This dish starts with a vegetable base and adds meat — or not

This recipe serves four. The Flex Appeal serves two. PAT CROCKER

1. In a tagine or a skillet with a lid, heat 2 tbsp (30 ml) oil over medium-high heat. Sauté the onion for 4 minutes. Add the remaining oil and the eggplant and mushrooms and stir to mix well. Cover, reduce the heat to low and cook, stirring occasionally, for 12 minutes or until the eggplant is soft. Stir in the garlic, cumin and spinach. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, for 2 minutes or until the spinach has wilted.

2. On a work surface, lay out pitas. Spread Tahini Dressing (see below) over each pita, leaving a 1-inch (2.5 cm) border around the edges. Spread onion-eggplant mixture down the centre of each pita. Fold sides of the pita around the filling and secure with toothpicks. Serve with tzatziki, if desired.

Flex Appeal

1. In skillet or cast iron grill, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook lamb chops 3 minutes per side. They should show some pink inside (145 F/63 C for medium-rare).

2. Cut into strips and spread over the vegetables on 2 of the pitas in step 2 above. If you have coloured toothpicks, use a different colour to secure the lamb shawarmas.

Tahini Dressing

1. In a bowl, combine the mayonnaise, tahini, garlic and lemon juice.

RECIPES EXCERPTED FROM FLEX APPEAL: A VEGETARIAN COOKBOOK FOR FAMILIES WITH MEAT-EATERS BY PAT CROCKER AND NETTIE CRONISH (WHITECAP BOOKS, 2014)

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp (45 ml) coconut or avocado oil, divided
- 1 onion, sliced
- 2 cups (500 ml) cubed eggplant
- 1 cup (250 ml) sliced mushrooms
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 tsp (5 ml) ground cumin
- 2 cups (500 ml) spinach leaves
- 4 pitas, warmed
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) Tahini Dressing (recipe follows)
- tzatziki (optional)

Flex Appeal

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) coconut or avocado oil
- 2 bone-in lamb leg chops (about 6 oz/175 g)

Tahini Dressing

- 1/4 cup (60 ml) mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) tahini
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) freshly squeezed lemon juice

Appetizer. Feta-Stuffed Figs

1. Slice figs from top almost to the base. Turn and slice at a 90 degree angle almost to the base.

2. Press 1 feta cube into the centre of each fig.

Flex Appeal

1. After step 2, wrap a slice of prosciutto or ham around the outside of 6 of the feta-stuffed figs. Secure with a toothpick.

Ingredients

- 12 ripe fresh figs
- 4 oz (125 g) feta cheese, drained and cut into twelve 1/2-inch (1 cm) cubes

Flex Appeal

- 6 slices prosciutto or thinly sliced cooked ham

This recipe makes 12 figs. The Flex Appeal makes six. PAT CROCKER

Cookbook of the Week

Marry, eat and veg

Flex Appeal by Pat Crocker and Nettie Cronish shows you how to make healthy choices that will impress even the staunchest meat-and-potatoes eater.

Billed as a vegetarian cookbook for families with meat-eaters, most of the meals offered begin with a delicious vegetarian base and add a suggested meat to the dish or on the side.

Among the recipes are Cauliflower and Coconut Curry Chowder, Quinoa Taco Salad, Vegetable Mac 'n' Cheese, Zucchini Mushroom Moussaka and more. METRO

Easy Three Day Dills

No canning required. Get into a pickle this autumn with this fresh, simple recipe.

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If I had a pick a favourite vegetable, it would have to be a cucumber. I like them fresh but love them after they've been sitting in vinegar and dill for a few days. Three days to be exact. So make a trip to the farmers' market this week, scoop up a couple of pounds of pickling cukes and give this easy recipe a try.

This is a counter-and-refrigerator method. There's no boiling in a canner required, but these dills can't sit on the shelf for months—they need to be kept in the fridge.

Three Day Dills

4 cups of water
3 tablespoons of kosher salt
1/2 cup white vinegar
1 1/2 pounds small pickling cucumbers
8 cloves of garlic, peeled
4 fresh dill heads
1/4 teaspoon black peppercorns

To make the brine, combine the water, salt and vinegar in a saucepan and bring it to a boil. Let cool completely. Sterilize four 500 ml jars and lids. Wash cucumbers and trim ends. Into each jar, place two cloves of garlic, one dill head and a couple of whole peppercorns. Tightly pack cucumbers into jars.

Top with brine, filling jars to within a quarter inch of the rims. Place the lids on top and tighten. Leave on the counter for three days. After that, place in the fridge. They'll keep for weeks, but they won't last that long.

Tip: Instead of peppercorns, I like to tuck one of those tiny red Thai chili peppers into each jar for extra kick.

Shel Zolkewich writes about food, travel and the outdoors when she's not eating, on the road or playing outside. Got a food story idea? shel@shelzolkewich.com

These dill pickles need to stay in the fridge as there's no canning involved. SHEL ZOLKEWICH/FOR METRO

TRANSITION INTO FALL FASHION

DONATE SUMMER CLOTHES AT VALUE VILLAGE

The fall fashion season is upon us. How is your closet going to adapt?

With bulky coats, sweaters and other cold-weather garments coming onto the shopping scene and out of storage, fall is a time of transition.

Why not donate the summer clothes you no longer need at Value Village?

Value Village partners with local not-for-profit organizations so every purchase helps provide sustainable funding for vital community programs and services. Every item you donate helps.

"Spring and fall are typically the busiest time for donations," says Janelle Robertson, general manager for the National Diabetes Trust (NDT), operator of Clothesline, a fundraising program across Canada that enables donors to give away their gently used clothing, small household items and electronics, year-round.

Clothesline partners with Value Village to receive donations for the items it collects. Proceeds support the Canadian Diabetes Association and the more than nine million Canadians living with diabetes or prediabetes — so buying from and donating at Value Village or Clothesline are good for the community.

Because Value Village only puts top-quality donated items into the store, Value Village is the perfect place to look for cost-effective, cool-weather fashion this fall. At Value Village a like-new wool coat can cost as little as $15 — a deep discount from the $200-plus price tag you may find on a new coat.

CONTRIBUTED

"Last year, our sales from Value Village helped the Canadian Diabetes Association invest more than $7 million in diabetes research and operate 12 summer camps for more than 1,600 children and youth with Type 1 diabetes and their families, and more," Robertson says.

Donate at Value Village through Clothesline. You can drop your items off in person at one of the more than 2,000 donation boxes across the country, or schedule a free pick-up at your home. Call 1-800-505-5525 or visit diabetes.ca. Find a drop box near you by visiting diabetes.ca/dropbox.

For more, visit valuevillage.com.

– Stephanie Orford

KEEP YOUR CLOSET GREEN

As the leaves turn red and orange, keep your home and clothing purchases green by shopping second-hand.

Value Village works with local community organizations to give Canadians an eco-friendly place to shop.

Clothesline, one of the non-profit organizations Value Village partners with, diverts more than 48 million kilograms of clothing, household items and electronics away from Canadian landfills per year.

This translates into a savings of 876 million kWh of energy, and reduces donors' carbon footprint by 120 million kilograms of CO_2 emissions — the equivalent amount of CO_2 emitted by driving a car 43,000 times around the globe. Put another way, the reduction in pollution has the same effect as saving 8.6 million trees.

Since you are making the transition to a warmer wardrobe, it's the perfect time to reconsider what's in your closet, and recycle everything you don't need anymore.

Keeping your closet green is just one of the many great reasons to donate.

Fresh look for your home decor

Fall fashion isn't just for your closet. It's also for your home.

This fall, let the season inspire your home decor. You can get great deals on furniture, home wares and other items at Value Village.

Do-it-yourself interior designers can find just as much or more selection at Value Village than they could find at a department store.

Here are some ideas for DIY fall decor:

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PAINT

A fresh coat of paint can give an unassuming piece of furniture a brand new personality. Try fresh white for simplicity, or make the piece pop with a fall colour such as wine, pumpkin or forest green. Crackle-effect paint can give the piece even more richness.

All of a sudden that unassuming table, chair or desk is the room's centrepiece.

For post-secondary students and others on a budget, this is a great way to save money and take your home decor to the next level.

REPURPOSE

Convince your visitors of your decorating genius by making or repurposing other furniture. Make a coffee or side table from an old luggage trunk or suitcase to give yourself extra storage space.

INCORPORATE TEXTILES

A beautiful blanket provides a practical accessory to warm up and add colour to your seating area, and can double as a wall hanging. The textiles you will find at Value Village are one-of-kind.

MIX AND MATCH

Some of the most charming dish sets aren't sets at all. A set of mismatched plates, bowls and cups will lend eclectic charm to your dinner parties.

FRAME IT

Value Village is a great source for vintage picture frames. Use them in decorations of all types, whether it's to frame your current art, the hall mirror, or simply to display a beautiful frame on the wall.

– Stephanie Orford

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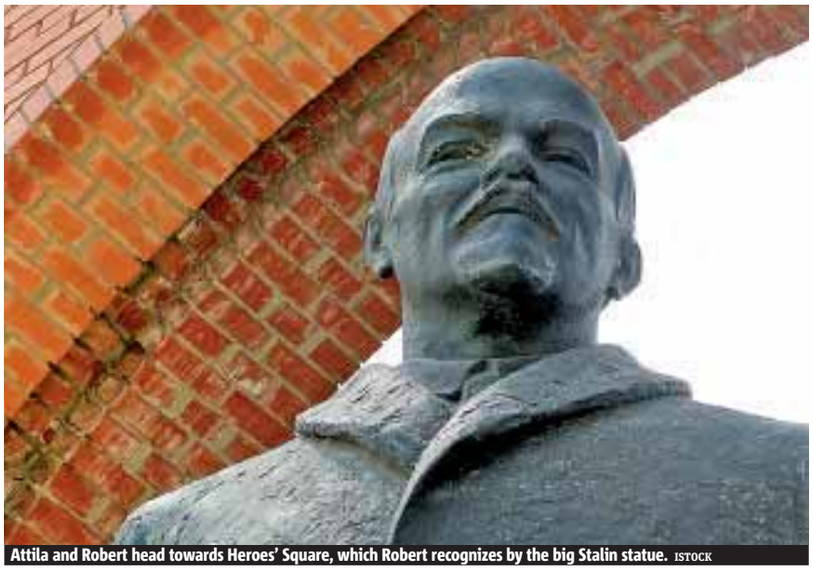
As a special end-of-summer gift to our readers, Metro brings you the first chapter of The Afterlife of Stars, the newest book by award-winning author Joseph Kertes. During this week, we've been introduced to the Beck brothers, two young boys grappling with the world around them as Russian tanks roll into Budapest during the final days of the Hungarian revolution. In **Part 3** of four, the brothers slip out of their house and head towards Heroes' Square.

The Afterlife of Stars



Attila and Robert head towards Heroes' Square, which Robert recognizes by the big Stalin statue. ISTOCK

After that, things moved quickly. Our father told us we could each take what we could carry, no more. I snuck out again to the front room, peered in, making sure there was not a single Russian in the room. Then I ran to the sideboard, no longer watched over by the two-headed eagle, and removed a golden cup and saucer. They looked as if they might have come from a Grecian palace, but they were small, like children's dishes. My parents drank espresso coffee out of them when we had company. I hid them in my shirt and slunk away toward the bedroom. I dashed out again one last time, snatched Attila's Spitfire drawing off the wall, opened my shirt, slipped it past the buttons and slid it all the way to the back above my belt before buttoning up my shirt again.

I ran into the Russian soldier in the hall and thought I'd been caught. My face burned. Instead of stripping me of my booty, he handed me a Russian nesting doll —"*matryoshka*," he called it — and I bowed, feeling the corners of the picture frame claw my skin, before retreating to my room. I slipped the picture under my bed. The brightly painted *matryoshka* doll came apart, and I found that a succession of smaller dolls lived inside, all the way down to a puny one. She was a colorful wooden bean, little more.

As I admired them, Attila said that I was a girl, so I countered with my cowboy hat, spurs, cap gun and holster, all of which I placed in my satchel with the reassembled *matryoshka*. With my back to Attila, I rolled my cup and saucer each into its own sock, pulled his drawing out from under the bed, and finally I added my marzipan monkey, still blanketed in the linen cloth from Gerbeaud. The cloth had a "G" monogram.

"Come with me, my one true love," Attila said behind me.

"Where?"

"Just come. I want to show you something, over by Heroes' Square. I hear something is happening there."

"Where the big Stalin is? The statue?"

He nodded. "Just come."

"Shouldn't we tell somebody we're going?"

"Not if we want to get out of here. We'll be back before anyone notices, don't worry."

Of course we wouldn't be, but I knew better than to argue. From the fierce and determined look on my brother's face, I had a hunch he was taking me to where there were twice as many hanging men as I had seen, and that his hanging men would be Russians, not Hungarians.

We slipped by the commotion in the kitchen, and Attila took me on a trot through the confused streets of our city, streets full of people not going about their business as they might, but looking alarmed, whispering rather than talking to one another. Nobody looked tired or bored, as some did on other days.

Attila had me by the hand. Everyone was pulling hard on my arm these days. We were walking briskly down Andrassy Avenue when a tall woman came out of a white building, a woman with long, straight black hair, wearing a black hat as wide as an umbrella and a black satin cloak which flowed and fluttered with each powerful step she took. She was coming straight toward us. My brother wanted to pick up the pace, but I slowed us down. I was staring.

"What do you want with her?" my brother finally asked.

I stopped altogether. "Want?" The woman had black eyes, black eye shadow.

"Do you want to take her home with you?" Attila said. "She's a black limousine, rearing up on her hind wheels."

She saw us, saw Attila and me looking, and glared at us before crossing the street, though she could easily have run us over.

When we turned a corner, we just about ran down a man ourselves, a beggar holding out his hand. Attila stopped. He seemed to be out of breath for some reason. The man was a Gypsy, propped up against a bakery whose window had been shattered. In the window, a single, dingy lace curtain clung to its rod, shaking its head no in the breeze, "no." I could see a loaf of bread inside on the counter, and a cake that looked blue in the light.

The poor man stood out of the wind on his only leg and held out his only hand. He was like a badly designed tree, with a single branch held out to catch rain.

"What about today?" the man said to us.

"Today?" Attila asked.

"Yes," the Gypsy said.

"I don't know," my brother said.

The man had a crutch lying behind him, together with a battered violin. "Are you back now?" he asked, his hand still held out to us.

My brother looked at me. I expected him to say, "Let's go," but instead he wanted to stay.

I found a single coin in my pocket, put my hand around it. I stepped up and said, "Yes, we've been away, but now we're back. Have you been waiting for us?"

"Oh, a young girl," the man said. Attila grinned broadly. "I have been waiting," the man said. "Lucky girl." My voice hadn't broken yet, and if it didn't soon, I was going to take a rock to it. Compared to me, my brother sounded like a grown man, a man of the world.

I looked into the milk of the man's blue eyes and realized he couldn't see. "How do you play that violin?" I asked. "How do you manage?" I picked it up for him. It still had its shapely *f*-holes, but it was battered—an *I* and an *O* plus some punctuation marks had punched their way through too.

"I haven't played for years," the man said. "The old girl is like a pet I don't have to feed much," he said, laughing. "Are you two musicians?" We didn't answer. "No, of course you're not," he said. "You're someone I stopped on the way to something. That's what I do, stop people on their way to something else."

A young woman flew by us. I could see the whites of her eyes. She turned down an alley between two tall gray stone buildings. She scared me. I thought she was coming right at us. It was impossible to tell whether people were running to something or from something.

My brother said, "Actually, I am a musician." He was grinning again.

The man lowered his begging hand and said, "What do you play?"

"I play piano," he said, "and my sister sings."

"Do you?" the man said, genuinely pleased. I pulled on my brother's arm now. I felt we should give the man a coin and go. The Gypsy said, "What sorts of things do you sing and play?"

"We can do 'Pur ti miro' by Claudio Monteverdi."

"Ah, the duet."

He began to hum, and though I had never heard it myself, I said, "Yes, that's it."

"Can you do anything by Bizet? Can you perform some songs from Carmen?"

"Yes, my sister can, some of them."

"Can you sing 'Habanera'?"

I wanted to tear my brother to pieces. I felt my breakfast coming up.

The man started to sing himself, with a sad, raspy voice. If he had not been blind, I'm sure he would have closed his eyes. Now my brother wanted to leave, but I stood firm. I felt suddenly warmed by the song, warmed by the poor man. My grandmother had played the record a hundred times. I started singing along with the man, every word, without knowing what the French words meant.

L'amour est un oiseau rebelle
Que nul ne peut apprivoiser,
Et c'est bien en vain qu'on l'appelle,
S'il lui convient de refuser.
L'amour! L'amour! L'amour! L'amour!

I stared into the man's face. I was sure I could see the thoughts moving behind his eyes like bits of glass. He said, "You have nice tone, young lady."

"She does," my brother said. "That was nice," he said to me, and I think he meant it.

"Now, listen," the man said. I was still holding his violin, and he pushed it up against me. How did he even know I'd been holding it? "It's magic, listen."

I put my ear against one of the extra holes in the instrument's belly, as if it were a seashell.

"Can you hear that?" I heard nothing. "Can you hear the song?"

I could hear a wet wind now and was sure I could hear the river. "What kind of wood is it made of?" I asked.

"Violin wood," he said, "from the violin tree."

I offered it to Attila to try, but he declined. He wanted to go. I set down the violin where it had lain. The torn awning above our heads flapped. I reached for the Gypsy's hand to give him my coin, and his hand closed greedily on mine.

"We have to go," I said.

He brought my hand up close to his lips. "I hope you have a very good reason for coming back, young lady," he said to the hand before letting it go. I glanced at it to see if it had been soiled. I wanted to wipe it on something.

"I do," I said.

"Yes," my brother said.

Another cold breeze blew up, and I shuddered.

The man still aimed his blind gaze at us. "It must be good," he said. "You must have a very good reason. Life and death."

Attila turned away from the man, suddenly panicked. He gave me a painful yank this time, and we took off toward Heroes' Square.

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'Not in Canada'

Ottawa cops say Crosby's arrest 'never happened'

Ottawa police are denying a published report that they arrested NHL superstar Sidney Crosby.

QMI Agency quoted sources as saying the Pittsburgh Penguins captain was arrested late Tuesday while driving a rented Porsche.

Sidney Crosby
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The Ottawa police duty desk told The Canadian Press: "It never happened."

The Penguins said Crosby was "not in Canada" on Tuesday.

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No. 1 overall draft pick

Ekblad, Panthers sign three-year entry-level deal

The Florida Panthers and No. 1 overall draft pick Aaron Ekblad have agreed on a three-year entry-level contract.

Panthers general manager Dale Tallon announced the deal Wednesday. Ekblad was the Ontario Hockey League's top defenceman last season, with 23 goals and 53 points.

Aaron Ekblad
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Drew Willy of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers runs in for a touchdown against the Saskatchewan Roughriders at Mosaic Stadium on Sunday in Regina. One of the best Bombers this season, Willy seems fine to play for next Sunday's rematch after an ankle injury. BRENT JUST/GETTY IMAGES

Willy ready to take on the Roughriders

'He's tough.' O'Shea says his QB 'dodged a bullet' after ankle injury

Quarterback Drew Willy looks good to go when the Winnipeg Blue Bombers host the Saskatchewan Roughriders on Sunday in their Labour Day rematch.

Willy had "precautionary" X-rays on the ankle he injured in Saskatchewan's 35-30 home win over Winnipeg last Sunday, Bombers head coach Mike O'Shea said.

"I think he dodged a bullet there and I think he's tough," O'Shea said Wednesday.

O'Shea could have added that Winnipeg dodged one also, as Willy has been one of the club's best players this season. The Bombers (6-4) are fourth in the West Division, just two points behind Saskatchewan and Edmonton (both 7-2) and two points ahead of fifth-place B.C. (5-4).

O'Shea admitted he hadn't yet seen the results of the X-rays but said Willy seems fine.

Defensive lineman Kashawn Fraser wasn't so lucky and could be gone for a few weeks with a knee injury.

On Tuesday, Winnipeg dealt defensive back Alex Suber to the Toronto Argonauts for defensive lineman Thaddeus Gibson. Gibson had one sack, one interception and six tackles in five games with the Argos, including three starts.

O'Shea also said linebacker Ian Wild and Rene Stephan might not be ready to play Sunday.

O'Shea said the trade with Toronto was driven by the Argos as Suber hadn't played this season with the Bombers.

"Alex, he's got a relationship with (Toronto defensive co-ordinator Tim) Burke and they wanted him," O'Shea said.

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Confident

"We turn around, we beat Saskatchewan and we've got the same number of wins as them."

Bombers head coach Mike O'Shea projecting a victory over the Riders on Sunday.

Nishikori, Williams on to semi-finals

Japan's Kei Nishikori returns a shot against Stan Wawrinka of Switzerland during their U.S. Open quarter-final on Wednesday in New York. STREETER LECKA/GETTY IMAGES

Kei Nishikori became the first man from Japan to reach the U.S. Open semifinals in 96 years, outlasting third-seeded Stan Wawrinka of Switzerland 3-6, 7-5, 7-6 (7), 6-7 (5), 6-4 on Wednesday.

The match went 4 hours, 15 minutes, and the 10th-seeded Nishikori managed to shake off any lingering exhaustion from his previous victory, which lasted 4:19 and ended at 2:26 a.m. Tuesday, equalling the latest finish in tournament history.

"Actually, I started a little bit tight, but my body was OK," Nishikori said in an on-court interview. "I don't know how I finished ... but I'm very happy."

In Saturday's semifinals, Nishikori will face No. 1 Novak Djokovic or No. 8 Andy Murray, who each own a U.S. Open title.

"Hopefully I can play 100 per cent tennis next round," Nishikori said.

Ekaterina Makarova of Russia advanced to the first Grand Slam semifinal of her career with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Victoria Azarenka.

Considered the best server in women's tennis, the No. 1-seeded Serena Williams was broken twice in a row at the outset Wednesday night before taking complete control for a 6-3, 6-2 victory over 11th-seeded Flavia Pennetta of Italy.

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A long, long time

1918

The last Japanese semifinalist at the U.S. Open was Ichiya Kumagae in 1918.

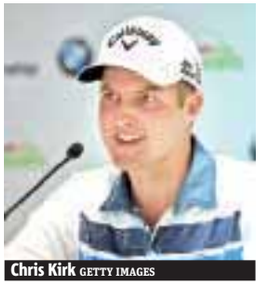
Golf. Kirk not dwelling on Ryder Cup snub

Chris Kirk now has only one cup on his mind — the FedEx Cup.

Fresh off his victory at TPC Boston, Kirk arrived at Cherry Hills for the BMW Championship and saw a message from Ryder Cup captain Tom Watson. The conversation didn't last very long.

"He was pretty straight to the point," Kirk said Wednesday. "He just said, 'Congratulations on great play, but we're going to go in another direction.' He kind of started to explain his reasoning, and I wasn't rude at all or anything, but if you're not one getting picked ... the reasoning doesn't really matter a whole lot."

Watson instead took former U.S. Open champion Webb Simpson to fill out his 12-man American team, which will try to win the cup back from Europe. Watson said he didn't make his mind up until about 12 hours before the announcement, and he was swayed by a pair of 5-and-4 victories Simpson had with Bubba Watson at Medinah in 2012.



Chris Kirk GETTY IMAGES

Kirk took it in stride. The 29-year-old from Georgia doesn't show much outward emotion, even after winning big tournaments.

Plus, it wasn't hard to find the positives. His win at the Deutsche Bank Championship moved him to No. 1 in the FedEx Cup, meaning he will have a clear shot at the $10-million prize and a five-year exemption.

"I just kind of told him, 'Hey, don't worry about it. You've got to do what you've got to do,'" Kirk said.

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MLB. Blue Jays clinch series win in Tampa for the first time since 2007

Dioner Navarro and Edwin Encarnacion each hit two-run home runs and the Toronto Blue Jays rolled to their fourth straight win with a 7-4 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Wednesday night.

Adam Lind had four straight hits and scored twice for the Jays, who have won a road series against the Rays for the first time in more than seven years.

Marcus Stroman (9-5) pitched five shutout innings before giving up two runs on four hits in the sixth.

Navarro homered for the second straight night, giving Toronto a 2-0 lead in the second inning. Encarnacion's 29th homer completed a three-run fifth inning off Rays starter Chris Archer (8-8) that gave Toronto a 6-0 lead.

Aaron Sanchez pitched the ninth for his second save.

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FIBA World Cup

Faried leads U.S. in drubbing of Dominicans

Kenneth Faried kept up his sharp shooting with 16 points and the U.S. national team rolled to a 4-0 start with a 106-71 victory over the Dominican Republic on Wednesday night.

The Americans surpassed 100 points for the second time in the tournament — and they were "held" to 98 points in their other two games.

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PED scandal

Former head of Biogenesis to plead guilty

Former Florida clinic owner Anthony Bosch is expected to plead guilty at an October hearing to a drug distribution conspiracy charge in Major League Baseball's most recent performance-enhancing substances scandal.

A Miami federal judge on Wednesday set an Oct. 16 date for Bosch to enter the plea. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cowboys sign Sam to practice squad

NFL. Former Missouri star one step closer to becoming first openly gay player in regular-season game

metro AR Michael Sam speaks to reporters after the Cowboys' practice on Wednesday in Irving, Texas. The Cowboys signed Sam to their practice roster earlier in the day. The NFL regular season beings Thursday night, which means last-minute predictions are in store. Scan the image of Sam with the Metro News app to see which teams Metro picks to make the playoffs. LM OTERO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Michael Sam's second chance will be with the Dallas Cowboys.

Coach Jason Garrett said Wednesday the team added Sam to the practice squad.

The Cowboys, who are seeking help with their pass rush because of injuries and the off-season release of franchise sacks leader DeMarcus Ware, added Sam four days after he was released by St. Louis when teams had to cut rosters to 53 players.

Sam, who is trying to become the NFL's first openly gay player, isn't likely to be on the active roster for Sunday's opener against San Francisco.

Garrett said the move was "about football" and deflected any questions about the impact of bringing in Sam or how it might affect the locker room.

"That's your decision what question you want to ask," Garrett told a larger-than-usual crowd at his daily news conference.

"We're focused on football. That's where our attention is, and what people say outside this organization is really up to them."

Any team can sign Sam off the Cowboys' practice squad but would have to put him on the 53-man roster for a minimum of four weeks.

Sam's CFL rights are owned by the Montreal Alouettes, who placed the former Missouri star on their negotiation list, giving them exclusive negotiating rights to the defensive lineman should he wish to play football in Canada.

Being on the Dallas roster means Sam is returning to his home state. He was a lightly regarded recruit out of Hitchcock, Texas, a town of about 7,000 along the Gulf Coast about 65 kilometres southeast of Houston. His first two years at Missouri, Sam backed up Aldon Smith and Jacquies Smith, both of whom are in the NFL.

Dallas passed on Sam with three of five seventh-round picks before the Rams got him at No. 249 out of 256 selections in the NFL draft.

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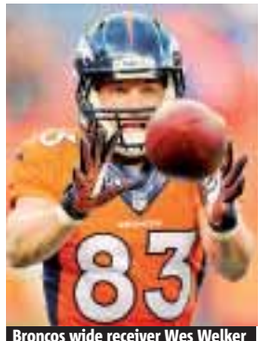
"We want to make sure we are giving ourselves the best chance with young players."

Cowboys coach Jason Garrett, on replacing recently departed veteran players

Big names under suspension to start season



Broncos wide receiver Wes Welker will sit out four games. GETTY IMAGES

Wes Welker. Robert Mathis. Aldon Smith. Josh Gordon.

A solid quartet to put on any NFL field. Except that they are among 29 players suspended by the league heading into the 2014 season.

Among those big names, Cleveland's Gordon got the longest ban, sidelined for the entire season for violating the NFL's substance-abuse policy. His absence might be the most damaging, too, and not only for its length. A Pro Bowl wide receiver, Gordon was the only established target on the Browns, who figured to be an also-ran even with him in the lineup.

That Gordon's case lingered for weeks while appeals were heard, and was not decided until just before the season, didn't help the Browns, either.

"How it played out was not ideal circumstances for us, obviously, but that's behind us," coach Mike Pettine said.

"You don't replace a Josh Gordon, a top-five NFL receiver, with just one player."

Welker's four-game suspension, announced Tuesday, shouldn't hurt the Broncos nearly so much, considering the other receiving talent on hand — and having Peyton Manning throwing to them. More harmful: Matt Prater's four-gamer, which takes away a significant weapon. Prater made 25 of 26 field goals in 2013. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ravens RB grounded

Possibly the highest-profile suspension was the one handed to the Ravens' Ray Rice, who is out for two games for a domestic-abuse issue.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Whatever your aims are right now they'll change dramatically over the next few days. In fact, what happens today or tomorrow will turn your plans on their head, so be ready.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If there is something you've wanted to do but never got around to, you're about to get a chance. It's the ideal time to begin something creative.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Sacrifices will have to be made over the next few weeks but they are worth it. The important thing is that you stay calm and don't do anything drastic.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Sit back and stop worrying. That is the message of the stars today and if you're smart you'll heed it. Looking back, you will realize you got worked up about certain issues for no reason.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You are doing more than enough as it is, so if someone asks you to help out today find a way to say "no". The last thing you need now is to be taking on even more chores.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
There is just no way a certain person is going to see things the same way as you, and if you can accept that fact you'll have an excellent day.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
At some stage today you will realize how hard it can be to understand certain people. Take the hint and accept that people, like life in general, can be messy.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
There is a task you have yet to complete and over the next 24 hours you must decide whether to carry on with it or give up on it. Clearly it doesn't inspire you, so why not just let it go?

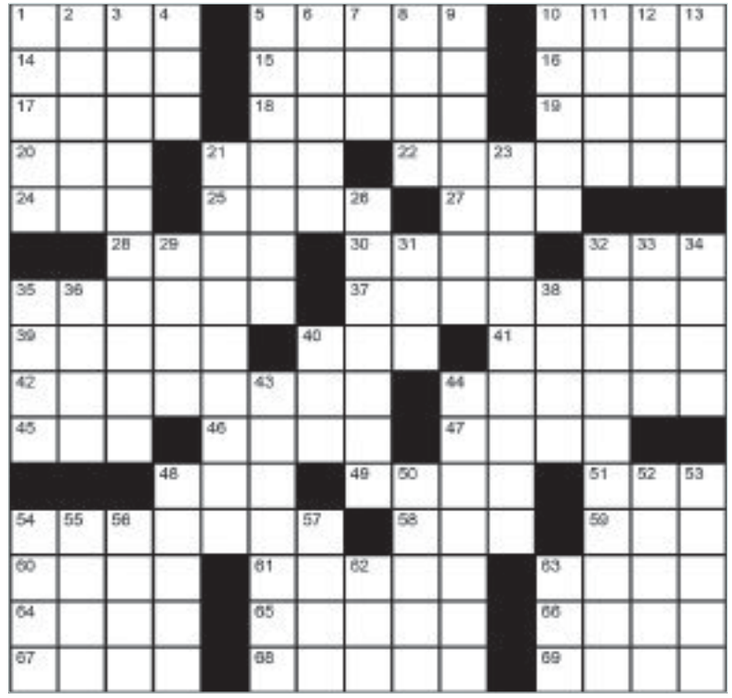
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
There is an easy and difficult route to the place you want to be. It may be tempting to take the difficult route just so you can impress others but why make life hard for yourself?

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
No matter how tough the challenges that come your way from now until the end of the year, you will handle them with ease. Take each day as it comes.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You've overlooked something that could make a difference to your future. Give it some thought and when you have found what it is make sure you make it central to your plans.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
What happens today will urge you to question something you've taken for granted. Don't be afraid to change your thinking and long-term plans.

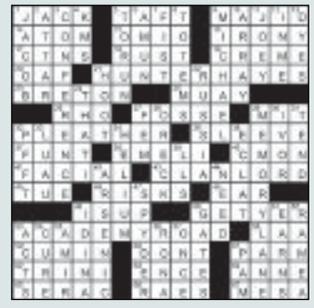
Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. __ Meadows, BC
5. A funny Bob
10. Stages cycling race on now, __ of Alberta
14. Ryan Gosling movie, "__ and the Real Girl" (2007)
15. Circumvent
16. __ Tiara (Duchess Kate's wedding headdress)
17. Draw _ __ (Do cartography)
18. Desert dweller
19. Epiphanies!
20. American network
21. Three
22. God/planet
24. Get permission
25. Sea captain's spot
27. '_' __ in Canora
28. Section
30. Sci-Fi rides
32. "Star Trek: Voyager" role
35. Seven Wonders of the World... __ of Alexandria
37. Brit singer of current hit "I'm Not the Only One": 2 wds.
39. "I'm going __ __ York." ...said the Big Apple bound tourist
40. "__ be an honour."
41. Modern day witchcraft
42. Transformers: Foes of Decepticons
44. Homespun
45. Grads-to-be, briefly
46. Commedia dell'__
47. 'A' in UAE
48. Perfect
49. Ms. Bagnold of books
51. Curious
54. __ Flowers ("Cityline" gardening expert, fun-style)
58. MGM's motto, __ Gratia Artis (Art for Art's Sake)
59. Sundial number
60. "Metropolis" (1927) director Fritz
61. Magna cum __
63. Mr. Hemsworth
64. Seed's protector
65. Pear-shaped instruments
66. Ms. Bancroft
67. Certain currency
68. Wield
69. Big golf tournaments, e.g.

Down
1. Tragically Hip album: 'Now for __ _'
2. Poetic feet
3. Athletic/casual attires: 2 wds.
4. Sugar amt.
5. Spy's uncoverings
6. Benefit
7. Actress Rita
8. Grand garden
9. Bell, Rogers and Telus = __ giants
10. Frank Sinatra's "__ Life"
11. Honolulu's home
12. Capital of Mongolia, __ Bator
13. Long-stem flower
21. __ Thursday (When celebrities post vintage photos of themselves on social media)
23. Logging-on needs
26. __-__ movie
29. 'Mars'-meaning prefix
31. It's 'in'
32. Mixed Martial Arts component
33. And so on, plurally [abbr.]
34. Ms. Mitchell (Actress from Mississauga, ON)
35. Harper Valley, et al.
36. Lunch time?
38. Ms. Kunis
40. TV Cousin
43. Ear: French
44. Most just
48. English-speaking Quebecer, commonly
50. Consumer advocate Ralph
52. Paul Anka title girl in 1957
53. Bluenose coins
54. Brouhaha
55. One-of-a-kind
56. Tropical birds
57. Waters: French
62. Driver's 4x4, commonly
63. __ of luxury

Yesterday's Crossword



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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

9		8	4		2	1		5
		2				9		
4	5						7	8
			9		6			
	2						1	
			1		4			
2	7						9	6
		3				7		
5		1	7		8	3		2

Yesterday's Sudoku

7	8	5	1	2	4	9	3	6
1	4	3	5	6	9	2	8	7
9	6	2	8	7	3	4	5	1
3	1	9	7	4	5	6	2	8
5	7	4	6	8	2	1	9	3
6	2	8	9	3	1	7	4	5
8	5	7	2	9	6	3	1	4
2	3	6	4	1	8	5	7	9
4	9	1	3	5	7	8	6	2

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